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CRICKLADE AND WOOTTON BASSETT
RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

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For the year ended 31st December, 1941.

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December, 1942.

To: The Cricklade & Wootton Bassett Rural District Council.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

The following is an abbreviated report on the health of the population and the sanitary condition of the district for the year 1941.

Statistics and Social Conditions of the Area

Area (acres)	...	...	...	...	46,618
Population	...	...	...	...	14,170
Number of inhabited houses	...	...	...	...	3,362
Rateable Value	...	...	...	...	46,722
Sum represented by a Penny Rate	...	...	...	...	£189

Birth Rate

212 births were registered, 109 male and 103 female, of which 204 were legitimate and 8 illegitimate. There were 6 still births, all of legitimate infants.

Birth Rate 13.83

Death Rate

150 deaths were registered in the district, 79 males and 71 females. 19 were registered as dying from some form of Cancer, 29 from diseases of the Heart and 17 from Respiratory Diseases, and 20 from intra-cranial or vascular lesions. One death only occurred from Diphtheria. There were none from Puerperal Sepsis.

Death Rate 10.59

Infantile Mortality

There were 10 deaths of children under 1 year of age.

Rate per 1,000 births 47.17

Infectious Disease

The incidence of infectious disease, whilst lower than in 1940, was still higher than the average for some years past. 58 cases of Scarlatina and 30 of Diphtheria were notified, together with 120 cases of Whooping Cough, 277 of Measles and 24 of Pneumonia. There was no serious epidemic confined to one area, as in the previous year. The majority of the cases of Scarlatina occurred in the Wootton Bassett district. The cases of Diphtheria were more widespread. The cases of Measles occurred as an epidemic in Cricklade and Purton.

Tuberculosis

17 cases of this disease were registered during the year, 12 of which were of Pulmonary Tuberculosis. There were 5 deaths registered as dying from Tuberculous disease.

Water

The supply obtained under the Comprehensive Scheme has been adequate and of excellent quality.

Drainage and Sewerage.

The condition of the Cricklade, Purton and Wootton Bassett sewage works was satisfactory throughout the year.

I append the report of your Sanitary Inspector.

I have the honour to remain, Ladies and
Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

John N. Watson
Medical Officer of Health.

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Statistics of the Year

4,613
1,170
2,303
4,613
1,170

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Health Rate

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SANITARY INSPECTOR'S REPORT

Council Offices,
Wootton Bassett, Wilts.

29th June, 1942.

To: Dr. J. N. Watson, Medical Officer of Health, Cricklade and
Wootton Bassett Rural District Council.

Sir,

I beg to submit my Annual Report for the year ended
31st December, 1941.

Housing

Number of new houses erected during the year:

- | | | | |
|--------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|
| (a) By the Local Authority | ... | ... | nil |
| (b) By other bodies or persons | ... | ... | nil |

1. Inspection of Dwelling-houses during the year.

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|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| (1)(a) Number of dwellinghouses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) | ... | ... | ... | 29 |
| (b) Number of inspections made for the purpose | ... | ... | ... | 69 |
| (2)(a) Number of dwellinghouses (included under sub-head (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under The Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925 and 1932 | | | | 3 |
| (b) Number of inspections made for the purpose | ... | ... | ... | 13 |
| (3) Number of dwellinghouses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation | ... | ... | ... | nil |
| (4) Number of dwellinghouses found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation | ... | ... | ... | 21 |

2. Remedy of defects during the year without service of formal notices.

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| Number of defective dwellinghouses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers | 11 |
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3. Action under Statutory Powers during the year

Proceedings under Public Health Acts -

- | | | | |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|
| (a) Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied | ... | ... | 5 |
| (b) Number of dwellinghouses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices | ... | ... | |
| (1) By owners | ... | ... | 2 |
| (11) By Local Authority in default of owners | ... | ... | nil |

4. Housing Act, 1936 - Overcrowding.

Number of cases of overcrowding discovered during the year	...	...	...	2
Number of cases of overcrowding abated during the year	...	...	...	2

Public Health Acts, 1875 and 1936

Nuisances -

Number of nuisances discovered	...	32
" " " abated	...	27
" " inspections made	...	130

Verminous Houses.

Number of verminous houses discovered	5
" " " " Cleared of vermin	4
" " visits made	19
(Three houses were infested with fleas and two houses with bugs. Treatment was by "Lawes" block disinfestators and by "Killgercide" liquid).	

Drainage

Number of inspections re drains	20
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Water Supplies

Number of water samples taken and submitted for analysis:

	Public Supplies	Private Supplies	Total
Chemical	1	-	1
Bacteriological	13	16	29
	<u>14</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>30</u>

Results of the above samples:

	Unfit for Drinking purposes	Fit for Drinking purposes.
Public supplies:		
Chemical	-	1
Bacteriological	3	10
Private supplies:	13	3
Number of visits made re water supplies:		
In connection with public supplies		22
" " " private		51
Number of water connections made as the result of informal notices	...	5

Inspection and supervision - Food.

Milk

Number of Dairies on Register	318
" " inspections	171
" " pasteurising plants (only 1 was operated)	2
" " visits re pasteurisation	10

Meat

All slaughtering of animals is carried out at a Slaughterhouse under the control of the Ministry of Food.

Number of visits made to the above Slaughterhouse and inspections made under the Public Health (Meat) Regulations 215

The carcase and organs of every animal killed for human consumption in the district were examined.

	Cattle	Calves	Pigs	Sheep	Total
No. of animals killed	3	13,588	22	243	13,856
No. of carcases inspected	3	13,588	23	243	13,857
No. of carcases condemned	1	36	4	1	42

Details and weights of condemned meat

	Tons cwts.qrs.lbs.				
Beef	4	1	22		
Veal	18	3	2		
Bacon and Pork ...	4	2	5		
Mutton		1	24		
Offal	11	1	3		
	1	19	2	0	
	Tons cwts.qrs.lbs.				Percentage of the total of condemned meat.
Condemned for diseases other than Tuberculosis	17	2	9		55.49
Condemned for Tuberculosis	1	1	3	19	44.51

Knacker's Yards

There is only one Knacker's yard in the district. The premises were not used during the year.

Factories Act.

No. of Factories on register	...	...	59
" " inspections made	...	...	14
" " notices served	...	...	2
" " " complied with	...	...	2

Infectious Diseases

No. of rooms disinfected	...	...	62
" " visits re infectious diseases			139
" " " made in connection with the immunisation of children against Diphtheria			53

Public Cleansing and Salvage

Scavenging is carried out by direct labour. Refuse is deposited at tips in the parishes of Wootton Bassett, Ashton

Keynes and Cricklade. Collections of salvageable waste materials are made from nearly every house in the district.

Total cost of refuse and salvage collections
(year ended 31st March, 1942) £663. 1s. 3d

Running cost of refuse lorry per mile 6.6935d

Miles per gallon 7.80

Salvageable Materials

	Collected during the year.		Sold		Received from Sales		
	Tons	Cwts.	Tons	Cwts.	£.	s.	d
Waste Paper	62	17	62	17	285.	9.	11
Scrap iron and tins	27	4	18	4	32.	0.	0
Non-ferrous metals		10	-	-	-		
Rags	1	14	1	9	7.	3.	9
Bottles and jars	2	5	3	5	6.	0.	0
Bones	5	5	4	15	13.	13.	6
	99	15	90	10	£344.	7.	2

No. of visits re refuse collection and salvage 226

Rats and Mice Destruction Act

Complaints were received of rat infestation from the occupiers of two premises. Baiting at the premises resulted in complete success. The rat catcher employed by the Council again did good work in keeping down the rats at the refuse tips.

Petroleum Acts

No. of Licences issued to store petroleum	34
" " " " " " carbide	4
" " " " " " petroleum and carbide	4

Petroleum is kept in underground tanks at all storage places excepting two.

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Certain work connected with A.R.P. and Civil Defence was carried out during the year, entailing 865 visits.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient Servant,

C.E. JAMES.

Sanitary Inspector.



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